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BSAN000P	Bookkeeping Beginners	09/01/2018	18.00	21.00	Abingdon Campus	Tuesday	8	£99.00	N/A
BSAN002P	Bookkeeping Intermediate	23/01/2018	18.00	21.00	Abingdon Campus	Tuesday	8	£99.00	N/A
BSAP003P	Bookkeeping Intermediate	23/01/2018	13.00	16.00	Abingdon Campus	Tuesday	8	£99.00	N/A
BSWN000P	Bookkeeping Beginners	20/02/2018	09:30	12.30	Witney Campus	Tuesday	8	£90.00	N/A

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EPCN201P	City and Guilds Certificate Dog Grooming Assistants - L2	21/02/2018	13.30	17.30	Common Leys Farm	Wednesday	20	£800.00	N/A
EPCN202P	City and Guilds Certificate Dog Grooming Assistants - L2	24/02/2018	09.00	13.00	Common Leys Farm	Saturday	20	£800.00	N/A
ESCP106P	Canine First Aid	24/02/2018	09.00	13.00	Common Leys Farm	Saturday	1	£75.00	N/A

ART & DESIGN/CREATIVE

QCGM185P	Drawing and painting - mixed ability	10/01/2018	09.45	12.15	Grove Adult Learning	Wednesday	9	£106.00	£63.60
QCGM186P	Drawing and painting - improvers	10/01/2018	18.45	21.15	Grove Adult Learning	Wednesday	9	£106.00	£63.60
QCAM178P	Drawing and Painting - improvers	11/01/2018	10:00	12:30	Abingdon Campus	Thursday	9	£118.00	£70.80
QCGM164P	Drawing and painting - beginners	11/01/2018	18.45	21.15	Grove Adult Learning	Thursday	9	£106.00	£63.60
QCAM177P	Drawing and Painting - beginners	15/01/2018	18.45	21.15	Abingdon Campus	Monday	9	£106.00	£63.60
QCBM227P	Portrait drawing - beginners and improvers	16/01/2018	14.30	16.30	Glyme Hall	Tuesday	10	£104.00	£62.40
QCGM157P	Pottery - mixed ability	16/01/2018	19.00	21.00	Grove Adult Learning	Tuesday	10	£104.00	£62.40
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QCKP011P	Drawing for beginners	16/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Cooper School Bicester	Tuesday	10	£94.00	£56.40
QCRP010P	Pottery – mixed ability	16/01/2018	13:30	16:30	Berinsfield Adult Learning	Tuesday	8	£125.00	£75.00
QCKM206P	Drawing from scratch – beginners and improvers	17/01/2018	13:00	15:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Wednesday	10	£104.00	£62.40
QCWN068P	Drawing and Painting – mixed ability	17/01/2018	15:15	17:15	Witney Campus	Wednesday	10	£94.00	£56.40
QCGN100P	Pottery – mixed ability	18/01/2018	10:00	12:00	Grove Adult Learning	Thursday	10	£104.00	£62.40
QCRM195P	Drawing and painting – mixed ability	22/01/2018	14:00	16:00	Didcot Civic Hall	Monday	10	£94.00	£56.40
QCRM196P	Drawing and Watercolour – beginners	22/01/2018	19:30	21:30	Didcot Civic Hall	Monday	9	£85.00	£51.00
QCXM182P	Drawing and Painting – beginners	22/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Cheney School	Monday	9	£85.00	£51.00
QCXP232P	Portrait Drawing – mixed ability	22/01/2018	13:30	15:30	NOA Centre Summertown	Monday	9	£94.00	£56.40
QCRM153P	Pottery – mixed ability	24/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Berinsfield Adult Learning	Wednesday	9	£94.00	£56.40
QCXM138P	Jewellery with silver – mixed ability	24/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Cheney School	Wednesday	9	£85.00	£51.00
QCXM223P	Oil Painting – mixed ability	24/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Cheney School	Wednesday	9	£85.00	£51.00
QCAP214P	Life Drawing – mixed ability	25/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Thursday	6	£83.50	£50.10
QCRM173P	Drawing and painting – mixed ability	25/01/2018	09:30	11:30	Didcot Civic Hall	Thursday	9	£85.00	£51.00
QCAN070P	Pottery – mixed ability	29/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Health/Wellbeing Centre	Monday	6	£83.50	£50.10
QCAP109P	Master Class: Painting in Oils – mixed ability	29/01/2018	10:00	12:30	Abingdon Campus	Monday	5	£94.00	£56.40
QCRM148P	Pottery – beginners	29/01/2018	12:30	15:30	Berinsfield Adult Learning	Monday	8	£125.00	£75.00
LCWP004P	Introduction to Creative Writing	30/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Witney Campus	Tuesday	5	£56.50	£33.90
QCWP101P	Drawing and Painting – mixed ability	30/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Witney Campus	Tuesday	6	£75.50	£45.30

BUSINESS

BSAM110P	ILM Certificate in Leadership & Management L3	19/02/2018	18:00	20:00	Abingdon Campus	Various	12	£350.00	N/A
WCWP002P	Want to run your own business?	01/03/2018	19:00	21:00	Witney Campus	Thursday	3	£28.50	£17.10

COOKERY

ICKN236P	Malaysian Cookery – introduction	25/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Gosford Hill School	Thursday	8	£93.50	£56.10
ICXN241P	Indian Vegetarian Cookery	31/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Cheney School	Wednesday	8	£83.50	£50.10

COMPUTING

XSXN562P	Microsoft Excel – advanced	16/01/2018	17:30	20:00	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Tuesday	2	£99.00	N/A
WCAP107P	Desktop Publishing – beginners	29/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Monday	5	£75.50	£45.30
XSWN557P	Microsoft Excel – Beginners	06/02/2018	17:30	20:30	Witney Campus	Thursday	2	£99.00	N/A

COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES

ZCXN233P	Aromatherapy and massage – introduction	27/01/2018	10:00	16:00	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Saturday	1	£40.50	£24.30

DIY/CONSTRUCTION

MSWN111P	Carpentry for Beginners	09/01/2018	18:00	21:00	Witney Campus	Tuesday	5	£204.00	N/A
ICRM282P	Plumbing – beginners	25/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Berinsfield Adult Learning	Thursday	6	£83.50	£50.10
ICRM285P	Plumbing – improvers	23/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Berinsfield Adult Learning	Tuesday	6	£83.50	£50.10

EMPLOYABILITY

XPAP002P	L1 Award in Preparing to Work (Customer Services)	08/01/2018	09:30	14:30	Abingdon Campus	Mon-Fri		£150.00	N/A
XPAP001P	L2 Certificate in Principles of Marketing	09/01/2018	09:30	16:30	Abingdon Campus	Tuesday	10	£362.00	N/A
XPAN510P	Food Safety in Catering CIEH Level 2 Award	11/02/2017	09:00	17:00	Abingdon Campus	Saturday	1	£36.00	£10.00
XPAM500P	Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care Level 1	20/02/2018	09:30	12:30	Abingdon Campus	Tuesday	5	£150.00	N/A

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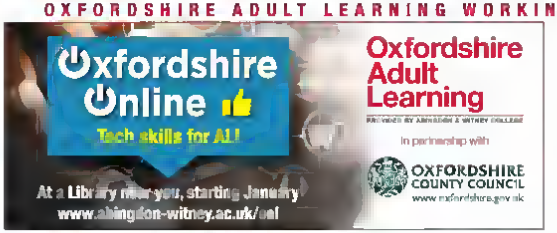

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Review of the year 2017: January

A KNIFE-WIELDING baladava-wearing man was charged after raping a woman in a park near Oxford Brookes University Mark Pearton, from Eastbourne Sussex, attacked the woman as she was walking along Harcourt Hill in Botley Pearton was later sent to prison for life

A SERIOUS case review judged a baby girl s death could not have been prevented after a 14-month-old known as Baby O was left by her mother Jasmine Gregory in a bath in 2014 Ms Gregory is currently serving a three-year jail sentence.

TEN homes in Oxford two in Abingdon and 11 in London were stormed simultaneously by 180 officers as part of Operation Stronghold a campaign to crack down on serious crime A father and his three sons were later sentenced to a total of more than 20 years in prison for flooding the city with heroin and crack cocaine from their East Oxford home

DIGGERS finally rolled in as work on the highly anticipated £50m expansion of Didcot s Orchard Centre began It is believed the new shopping complex will open in two stages in February and March.

UP to £50m of funding to make improvements to the A34 was confirmed by the chancellor of the exchequer, Phil p Hammond. The cash is for enhancements such as vehicle detection loops and CCTV cameras as well as improvements to the Peartree and Botley interchanges in Oxford

More than 29,500 people in Oxfordshire put their names to a petition calling for Donald Trump's state visit to be blocked It came a week after President Trump signed an executive order suspending travel to the US from seven-Muslim majority countries President Trump is yet to visit the UK. Picture *Hugh Jaeger*

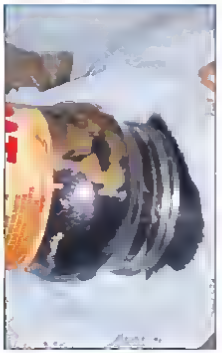
ALL non-urgent operations at the John Radcliffe Hospital were cancelled for two days due to "significant pressures" and "increased demands" on emergency services

CAMPAIGNERS warned that a garden village near the A40 would increase traffic problems. Known as the Oxfordshire Cotswolds Garden Village, around 2 200 homes will be built on land just off the A40 and to the north of Eynsham by 2031

A LARGE shed containing outdoor toys including specially adapted equipment, was destroyed in a suspected arson attack at Bardwell School in Banbury

A COUNTYWIDE consultation on health and care services in Oxfordshire was launched Running until March there were more than 10 000 responses to the Big Health and Care Consultation.

DOZENS of incensed campaigners assembled to demand the protection of Ladygrove's green spaces in opposition to the Didcot Garden Town project



A kitten got itself into a sticky situation when its head became stuck in a peanut butter jar in Oxford The kitty, thought to be no more than six months old, was unharmed after being rescued by the RSPCA

THE county council unveiled plans to unify the county s six councils as part of One Oxfordshire later to be renamed Better Oxfordshire

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Below, Thousands of vintage motoring enthusiasts descended on the historic motoring site at Bicester Heritage for the Sunday Scramble More than 2,500 car buffs looked on in awe as 1,000 cars lined up at the 349 acre former RAF base.
Picture *Amy Shore Photography*

A motorist was airlifted to hospital with serious injuries after a collision involving two vehicles near Cropredy The collision on Cropredy Lawn Road caused one of the cars to end up on its side with the casualty trapped inside.

Review of the year 2017: February

A VALENTINE S Day explosion destroyed a block of three flats in Gibbs Crescent Osney Mead The body of Guido Schuette was identified nearly four weeks later It was confirmed in May that the blast was caused by 'fuel stored in his flat

A PLANNED major redevelopment of Abingdon s historic Abbey Hall was scrapped after the penniless town council said the renovation would be too costly

A FORMER scout leader guilty of a number of child sex offences In Kidlington was sentenced to 16 years in prison. Gary Lane, of Fairfax Road committed offences against two boys between January 1, 2015 and November 30 2015

A MAN was arrested after 164 bicycles were seized from his back garden

THE Duchess of Cambridge wrote a letter congratulating the Oxford Children s Hospital on its 10th anniversary and pledging her "wholehearted support" to its charity appeal

FAMILY members of pop star George Michael requested a full investigation into the leak of a 999 emergency call made after he was found dead in his Goring home on Christmas Day 2016

AN elderly Irish paedophile was jailed for historic sex offences involving girls aged four and seven Thomas Nash abused the girls at locations in Bicester and Hampshire over a four-year period between 1997 and 2001 He was sentenced to 10 years and nine months in prison for 20 charges

The Valentine's Day blast in Osney Mead. See below for more Picture. *Alexander Hammonds*

A NATIONAL Housing Federation report showed the average price of a house in the county costs 12 3 times the average salary The average price in Oxfordshire is £380 526 while average earnings are £30 846

FEBRUARY 23 marked 12 months since the collapse of D dcot Power Station A. Coleman & Company, the company responsible for the demolition before its collapse in 2016 announced a 22 per cent dip in profits

THE family of Domingos Ramalho paid tribute to their loved one after a fatal stabbing in Headington He was described as "a kind loving and caring man" Egidio Da Silva Alves was sentenced to life imprisonment after the brutal daylight murder

MORE than £5 200 was raised in just over a week in aid of Didcot s Animal Sanctuary in the wake of a devastating fire that tore through the shelter and killed two sheep THE future of Witney s Deer Park Medical Centre and the decision to suspend consultant-led maternity services at Banbury's Horton General Hospital were put in the hands of the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt.

A 6ft millipede called Milli helped launch a campaign encouraging more Oxfordshire children to read. Milli was joined by supermodel and entrepreneur David Gandy [not pictured] at Stockham Primary School in Wantage to launch the Ten Million Minutes campaign the following month

A Newcastle United fan blasted his friend's advice on how to save money on his rail fair from Newcastle to Oxford after being sent 56 tickets for his side's FA Cup match against Oxford United. Jonny Heywood took to Twitter to post a picture of the mountain of tickets after he decided to split his journey up into legs to save money He didn't even watch the game as his girlfriend fell over and the pair spent four hours at the John Radcliffe Hospital in A&E Picture *Jonny Heywood/@jonnyyy*

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A MURDER investigation is launched after the body of Tyler Warmington, a five-year-old boy, was found in a home in Faringdon on March 14. Emma Jackson, 40 from Bromsgrove in Faringdon, was charged with murder in October 2017. She has been remanded in custody and a provisional trial date has been fixed for April 9.

OXFORDSHIRE councils were still split over plans to become one leading to three versus three – county South and Vale on one side and City, Cherwell and West on the other – and a referral to the Secretary of State.

A PAEDOPHILE from Oxford was jailed after more than 360,000 images of child pornography were found on his computer. Adrian Stunott, 51, was sentenced to two years and four months in jail.

WITNEY MP Robert Courts met health secretary Jeremy Hunt to press for a decision over the future of Deer Park GP surgery.

LEWIS Stratford, who caused a deadly crash on the A34 in June 2016, was sentenced to three years and eight months in prison at Reading Crown Court on March 3. He had pleaded guilty to causing the death of Gavin Roberts.

Police at the scene in Faringdon after Tyler Warmington's body was found
Picture *UKNIP*

A ROOM at Oxford Children's Hospital (Chox) was named in honour of Play2Give to mark the charity's 10th anniversary and celebrate its achievements.

THAMES Water was fined a record £20million after pumping nearly 1.5 billion litres of raw sewage into the River Thames.

STORM Doris crossed the UK with winds reaching up to 94mph, claiming one casualty and wreaking havoc across public transport and roads, with several incidents reported in Oxfordshire.

SEVEN men were arrested after police stormed 10 homes in Banbury in a series of raids in relation to child sex offences.

REVISED plans for Didcot's garden town abandoned proposals for a technical college and flats on Ladygrove after residents' protests.

AN inquest into the deaths of a couple who died in a blaze at their cottage on the Blenheim Palace estate concluded the cause of death will never be known. Donald Thompson, 92, and his wife Dilys, 81, were killed in November 2016.

A VERDICT of accidental death was recorded at an inquest into four-year-old Barnaby Cork from Thame. He died after he was hit accidentally by a reversing car driven by his father.

Author and Inspector Morse creator Colin Dexter passed away at his home in Banbury Road, Oxford, aged 86. The writer regularly appeared in the hit TV show and its spin off Lewis, pictured here during a break in filming with Kevin Whately (Lewis) and Lawrence Fox (Hathaway)

Dozens of young people from South Oxfordshire were honoured for their contributions to the community in a ceremony in Didcot, including Secret Santa's Courtney Hughes
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Review of the year 2017: April

SEVENTEEN men were charged with a catalogue of child sex offences after dozens of police officers raided homes in Oxford and Banbury as part of Operation Nautical. Their court cases are ongoing

DIDCOT was dubbed the most 'normal' town in England. The railway town represents the country more than anywhere else, according to statisticians at ASI Data Science. The number crunchers claimed Didcot to be the closest to the national average across a range of fields, including opinion, experiences and lifestyle

OXFORD East MP Andrew Smith announced he would step down in June following Prime Minister Theresa May's call for a general election

WANTAGE was described as a "boom town with plenty of potential" that will not be overlooked for much longer by an article published in The Times. Unsurprisingly the mayor of Wantage, Steve Trinder, agreed

ABINGDON Town Council came under fire for voting not to fly the rainbow flag from County Hall for a second time

TEN teams from across the country flew into Oxford as the city hosted a national quidditch tournament

Green fingered pupils at Bampton CofE Primary School dug out spades, trowels and rakes to celebrate national gardening week. Housebuilder CALA Homes donated gardening equipment and accessories in support of the week celebrating all things gardening

THE green light was given to 1,000 homes in west Witney after developers finally ironed out legal issues with the district council. Work at the site between Downs Road and Deer Park Road – known as Windrush Place – was due to begin before Christmas.

A GROUP of homeless people were forced out of a fourth Oxford building after being kicked out of empty offices above Sainsbury's on Cowley Road. Rough sleepers were also moved on from an abandoned garage, university buildings and an old power station in Osney

OXFORDSHIRE'S gritters travelled more than twice around the world in winter 2016/17, the county council revealed

FIRE crews rescued a construction worker from scaffolding with an on-site crane. The worker, based in Deddington, couldn't use the ladders due to a medical condition.

A GROUP of people who decorated a Kidlington wood with magical fairy doors vowed to keep making them despite vandals destroying and stealing dozens of their doors

Great Britain's first baby Sifaka Lemur took his first steps at Cotswold Wildlife Park. Baby Yousstwo was the first breeding success for parents Bafana and Tahina and was the first Sifaka birth in the park's history Picture: Jackie Thomas

A BMW was left poking out of a Banbury factory after smashing through its wall. The white car ploughed into the factory near Morrisons in the town centre. No one was seriously injured

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Review of the year 2017: May

FORMER Prime Minister and Witney MP David Cameron revealed plans to write a book in a designer garden shed that was installed at his family home in the Cotswolds. The shepherd's hut, which reportedly set him back £25 000, includes a wood-burning stove, pull-out double sofa bed and sheep's wool insulation.

A CANDLELIT vigil was held at Carfax Tower in Oxford to show solidarity and unity after a terror attack in Manchester killed 22 people.

THE Conservatives missed out on gaining overall control of the county for the second Oxfordshire County Council election running – again needing just one more seat.

FLORAL tributes were left at the spot where cyclist Claudia Comberti, 31, was killed after a collision with a bus on Botley Road in Oxford. Thousands of people signed a petition to stop private cars and vans using Oxford's roads after her death.

BUILDING work on phase two of the Orchard Centre in Didcot began.

A BANBURY couple were left "traumatised" after they were attacked in their Appleby Close home by four men brandishing a hammer, a baseball bat and a kitchen knife.

Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall talked plants at Oxford's Covered Market when the royal couple visited the city. After touring the historic market, Camilla visited cancer support charity Maggie's at the Churchill Hospital. Picture *Jon Lewis*

A QUALITY report on the John Radcliffe Hospital found the urgent and emergency services need improvement after the unit performed "worse than the England average" during random inspections.

HEALTH secretary Jeremy Hunt paid a low-key visit to Banbury to hear more about the campaign to save services at the Horton Hospital.

A TRAPPED pilot was pulled from his aircraft after crashing at Abingdon Air and Country Show. He recovered from vertebrae injuries in hospital.

SUMMERTOWN-BASED artificial intelligence firm Oxbotica revealed plans to run driverless car journeys between Oxford and London in 2019.

A record number of foodies flocked to Wallingford for the second SO Food Festival.

FIREFIGHTERS and the RSPCA rescued a deer from a tight squeeze after the animal was found trapped between two walls in Draymans Walk, Abingdon. The deer was spotted wedged in the small gap surrounded by rubbish.

Morris dancers waved their handkerchiefs and rang their bells as thousands joined them in welcoming in May Day in Oxford city centre

Oxford Ukuleles provided the entertainment as more than 2,000 visitors and fans of vintage locomotives watched their favourite engines as part of Didcot Railway Centre's 50th birthday. Picture *Didcot Railway Centre*

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TIM and Lydia Cameron launched an appeal to raise £200,000 to pay for lifesaving heart surgery for their baby son Oliver

A 35-year-old man was arrested after a bomb hoax at the Orchard Centre in Didcot. He was released under investigation

OXFORDSHIRE County Council launched a consultation for proposals on a ban on buses and taxis in Queen Street ahead of the opening of the Westgate shopping centre. In November the transport secretary confirmed the plans would not go ahead until more traffic studies are carried out.

THE masterplan for a major multi-million pound redevelopment of Oxford station was unveiled

AN Oxford druglord was jailed for a total of 16 years. Khaled Uddin, 35, of Little Brewery Street, was sentenced for conspiracy to supply cocaine and money laundering. He had already been sentenced to 14 years for his involvement in a conspiracy to transfer firearms and ammunition.

A MAN with epilepsy drowned after he fell into the river and was unable to save himself, an inquest heard. Dylan Sanchez Pinsent, 33, who lived in Abingdon, fell off his courier bike near Magdalen Bridge and into the River Cherwell on January 30

A RETIRED Church of England vicar accused of sexually assaulting a teenage boy in the 1980s was found dead after failing to attend court. Trevor Devamanikkam, 70, was found in his Witney home on June 6. Cause of death was recorded as suicide at the inquest in October

FIVE people were charged with murder after an alleged fight in Blackbird Leys. Two more were later charged following the death of Christopher Lemonius, 27, who died from serious injuries in hospital. All seven are due to appear at Oxford Crown Court on April 3

FOLLOWING the tragic blaze at Grenfell Tower, which claimed more than 80 lives, Oxford City Council had to respond to concerns over fire safety in five tower blocks. The council confirmed external cladding fitted to the blocks is fire retardant, but then backtracked after two of the blocks failed new safety tests. The council later committed to carrying out the necessary safety measures.

Schoolchildren who helped design a £320,000 play park got the chance to celebrate at a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Abbey Meadow play park in Abingdon opened following the investment by the Vale of White Horse District Council

The Lib Dems gained a seat in Oxford West and Abingdon, with Layla Moran winning the vote in the 2017 election. Wantage, Witney, Banbury, and Henley all remained Conservative, while Oxford East welcomed new Labour MP Anneliese Dodds

Courtney Act, international star of both Australian Idol and Ru Paul's Drag Race partied alongside 7,000 people at Oxford's Pride enjoying a parade and celebrating the best of the LGBT community. Picture: Mazz Images

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A ONE-ARMED lorry driver admitted causing the death of three-year-old Isla Wiggin and seriously injuring her mother in a crash on the A34 on August 2016 Thomas Hunter 58 from Mansfield was sentenced to six years in prison on July 17

A 'VIOLENT teenager Iman St Clair was sentenced to four years beh nd bars after pleading guilty to killing a 56-year-old cyclist, Eamonn Anderson, in October 2016 The sixth former assaulted Mr Anderson after he became involved in an 'altercation' with a group of men Mr Anderson fell from his bicycle and sustained serious head injuries He died in hospital less than a fortnight later

THE five-day-long Henley Regatta kicked off with a few record-breaking moments including three new women s classes

THREE men were arrested after a woman in her 20s was allegedly raped in a residential road after leaving Henley Regatta

STEVE Heath and Ellen Copnell a couple from Didcot get engaged after he popped the question at the Coronet bingo hall – the couple had known each for years as Steve's best friend was married to Ellen bnt sadly passed away after a battle with cancer

Placard-waving residents from the Save Loyd Road Fields campaign gathered to object to a development of 135 homes on Didcot's natural boundary – the application was rejected to their delight in October

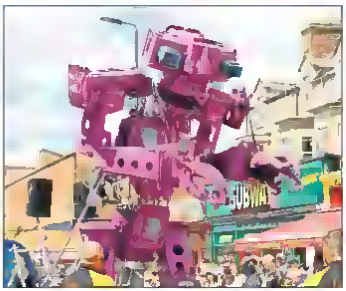
AN alleged racial slur incident at Florence Park led to a peaceful walk by a group fighting 'stand up to racism and fascism' A police spokesman later sa d the incident had been investigated but there were no witnesses to provide evidence racist language was used

THE founder of Play2Give our charity of the year Andy Baker from Didcot received a British Citizen Award (BCA) at the palace of Westminster

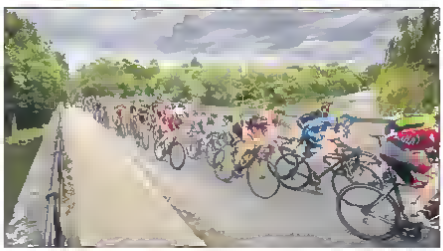
A DOCUMENTARY following detectives as they investigated the brutal murder of Oxford art dealer Adrian Greenwood, who was killed in October 2016 for a £50 000 edition of Wind in the Willows is broadcast on Channel 4

PLANS to build up to 2 500 homes on the old airfield at Grove were given the go-ahead after nearly a 16-year wait and a dispute with the landowner

COTSWOLD Wildlife Park rejoices with the birth of five wolf cnbs to parents Ash and Ember The week after the news the mother of the newly-born cnbs was shot after escaping her enclosnre



Sin Bot the robot took centre stage at the technology-themed Cowley Road Festival which attracted more than 50,000 people in what was its 15th year



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Review of the year 2017: August

FIFTY-TWO beds at John Radcliffe Hospital were moved to other wards after independent experts pinpointed serious and embedded fire safety issues in the building.

PLANNING permission for the redevelopment of David and Victoria Beckham's £6m+ home near Chipping Norton was approved

SIGNIFICANT changes to health care provision across the county were controversially approved by the OCCG

BLADES ranging from a First World War bayonet to kitchen knives – and even a can opener – were surrendered to Thames Valley Police as part of a week-long amnesty

THOUSANDS of euphoric Oxfordshire students jumped for joy as they collected their GCSE and A-Level results

CRIMINAL mastermind Neil Wadley from near Didcot, was behind a drug ring that distributed class A and B drugs across the south of England and was ordered to pay back £1m or face 14 years in prison.

PEOPLE were warned to stay out of the River Windrush following a chemical leak in Witney

METAL detectorist Tim Moody from near Wantage unearthed a unique Roman artefact in an undisclosed Oxfordshire farmer's field.

THAMES Water labelled Witney as a hotspot for sewer blockages and fatbergs as it made the town a target for an awareness campaign.

LORRAINE Hillier, the deputy mayor of Henley was expelled from the town's Conservative branch after party in-fighting.

HENLEY'S £290,000 skate park finally opened after a six-year wait.

A 3.6 per cent rail fare increase was announced for January 2018, meaning an annual season ticket from either Oxford or Didcot into London going from £4,920 to £5,097

PLANS to build 950 new homes in Abingdon were unanimously approved, the same day £3.3m worth of funding was promised for major A34 improvements nearby

£6.2M was pledged to fund road improvements in Didcot in preparation for thousands of homes.

A £2.2m flood protection project defending 110 homes in Northway and Marston was completed.

A £6.5m fleet of waste and recycling trucks were rolled out across the South and Vale districts

Thousands of rail buffs enjoyed the bank holiday weekend by taking a ride on one of the world's most famous locomotives. The Flying Scotsman was at Didcot Railway Centre providing rides in vintage carriages on the main demonstration line. Pictures *National Railway Museum/Didcot Railway Centre*

Museum visitors could be forgiven for thinking they had stepped into Jurassic Park when they got up close and personal with two terrifying dinosaurs. A Segnosaurus and baby Triceratops went for a walk at The Oxfordshire Museum, in Woodstock, and the Oxford University Museum of Natural History, in Parks Road

You should always keep your eyes on the road when driving but the sight of a shed in the middle lane could prove a distraction for even the most careful motorist. Kevin Hicks was sure to have attracted more than his share of attention as he drove from Land's End to John O'Groats in the 'world a fastest shed'. Picture *Paul Nicholls Photography*

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Consultants in a team in Oxfordshire have run their Slimming World franchise for an long as 7 years after losing over an amazing 50 stone between them with the weight loss organisation that changed their lives. Since their incredible personal weight losses the consultants have made it their mission to help others transform their lives like they have and estimates that they have helped people from their local community lose an incredible 600 stone of weight per month across the 30 groups.

"This really is the best job in the world as far as I'm concerned," says Amy Linsey the Team Developer of the 11 consultants in Oxfordshire.

"Having all lost weight ourselves we know what an enormous difference it can make to your life and so being able to help people to change their life like we have really is the most rewarding thing.

"As a franchisee we love being our own boss and are lucky to have the flexibility to continue to enjoy a busy family and social life. We believe that you get out what you put in and that's certainly the case at Slimming World, with the number of people you can help in the excellent training and support you get and with the generous financial returns. We'd absolutely recommend the role to anyone looking for a rewarding job."

The LinkedIn research showed that people who have a real sense of purpose at work are much more likely to be happy in their job. The research also found that people whose role is based in the local community who have their own business and who work in healthcare are all more likely to feel like they have a purpose in their work and the Consultants agree, saying they are extra lucky as they have all three!

Slimming World Director of Field Operations, Lisa Salman, said. "In the current economic climate people might be wary about starting up a business, which is why it's an important to choose an option that has a strong structure and excellent training, and can be set up in your own local area.

"All of our Consultants originally joined us as Slimming World members, giving them an understanding of what it's like to struggle with their weight and all have had success on the plan. Personal qualities are so important and we look for warmth, energy and enthusiasm, good listening skills and, most importantly a caring, non-judgemental nature and a genuine desire to help people lose weight – giving people the confidence to achieve their dreams is our ultimate mission and you don't get a better sense of purpose than that!

"With latest figures showing that around two-thirds of people struggle with their weight, there is an increasing need to provide people with effective and compassionate support to help them make long-term changes to their lifestyle. We provide franchisee-Consultants with in-depth training, an excellent support structure and all the benefits of a trusted household name brand that has been established for 48 years and has become the UK's favourite way to lose weight**."

A Slimming World franchise costs from £1,500. For this Consultants receive Foundation training at the Slimming World Academy on the nutritional foundations of Food Optimising, Slimming World's healthy eating plan, the psychology of weight loss and facilitating healthy lifestyle changes through a range of behaviour change methods. They are also supported with all the equipment they need to run a successful group and a well trained management and support team. Successful Slimming World Consultants with good group sizes can earn more than £25,000 a year for around 20 hours' work per week.

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THOUSANDS of people signed a petition against the closure of The Cellar music venue in Oxford. The planning application to turn it into a shop submitted by the owners of the building, St Michael's and All Saints' Charities, was withdrawn in October.

WINTERBROOK Nursing Home in Wallingford became the focus of a criminal investigation following reports of ill treatment and assaults by members of staff. No further action has been taken.

OXFORD S City Council leader Bob Price, 69, announced he would step down in 2018 after 35 years in local government.

WORK was completed on a new £3m hydroelectric power plant on the River Thames at Sandford. It will provide enough power for 450 homes.

WALLINGFORD residents gave their overwhelming support for a Lidl supermarket. The planning application for the Hithercroft Road store was submitted in November.

'HIGHLY-INTELLIGENT' Oxford University student Lavinia Woodward avoided jail after stabbing her ex-boyfriend. The 24-year-old was given a 10-month suspended prison sentence.

Lucky lottery players in Didcot got a lot richer after it was announced a postcode in the town was the winner of a £3m prize pot. The big winner of The People's Postcode Lottery was slimming world consultsat Carol Walden, pictured centre, who won a hefty cheque worth £267,642

THE prisons watchdog warned that HMP Bullingdon, near Bicester, is not 'safe enough'.

WITNEY residents were warned about a bizarre scam that involved smelling cash. A group of young men known as the Nottingham Knockers were believed to be behind the con.

GROUND was broken at a new £5m sports complex off Oxford Road in Cowley.

AN £8.35bn strategy to put Oxfordshire 'at the heart' of the British economy was outlined. The Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OXIS) outlined projects including housing, schools and social care, as well as road and public transport improvements.

HUNDREDS of personnel were deployed from RAF Brize Norton as part of a relief mission for areas including the US and the Caribbean devastated by Hurricane Irma.

A BASIC image of how the electric Mini would look when the first one rolls off the Cowley Plant production line in 2019 was released by BMW.

This little one was one of more than 25,000 people who enjoyed Wallingford's biggest BunkFest yet. Festival goers flocked to the 16th annual free event to enjoy music, dancing and a variety of refreshment stalls.

Watched by around a thousand spectators, 12 dragon boat teams dressed in themed hats and clothing competed in the 250m rowing sprint. The 19th annual festival, organised by the Rotary Club of Abingdon Vesper, set off from Abingdon Bridge. The winners – for the second year running – were Wittenham Wannabees in one minute and just over three seconds.

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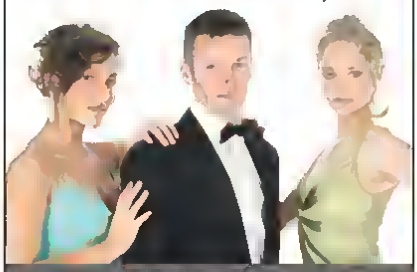

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THE £440m Westgate shopping centre opened its doors unveil 60-odd new shops

FAMILIES paid tribute to Adrian Fannon 39 and Mark Pawley, 25, who were found murdered in a Banbury flat. Raymond Morgan is expected to face trial in the spring.

WANTAGE MP Ed Vaizey said "quite a few" in the Conservative party were "pretty firmly" of the view that Theresa May should stand down following a mishap-strewn party conference speech

THE Oxfordshire Growth Board submitted its bid for more than £450m of government funding in the hope of bringing major transport improvements to Didcot, the A40 and north Oxford

THE body of Oxford University student Max Man 19, was discovered at the construction site of the Westgate. The inquest will take place on February 15

OXFORD documentary maker Roger Statesbury due to return home from a so-called 'middle-aged gap year' with his wife later in the month, fell to his death in India

THE Didcot of the future hopped a step closer after the two district councils behind the garden town project confirmed the masterplan

CONNOR Sparrowhawk's mother Sara Ryan launched her book to share the story of her son s tragic death and her long struggle for justice in his name Connor, 18, died in a bath following a seizure while under NHS care in July 2013

AN £8milFon bid for the Wantage eastern link road was submitted to help cope with the development of 1 500 homes in coming years

THE Morse Society announced it wanted to raise around £50 000 to fund a full-size monument honouring the 'unique' author

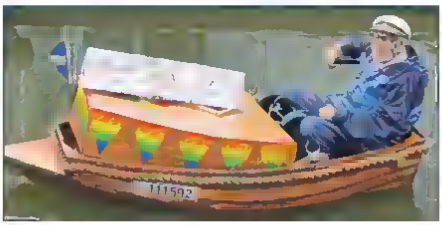
THE ribbon for the multi-million pound extension to Bicester Village was cut, unveiling 30 new shops

WORK on a £1 3million project to refurbish the much-loved Abbey Meadow pool in Abingdon began. It is expected to last six months and reopen in the summer

OXFORD pensioner Peter Lister was fined £1 300 for fatally shooting a pigeon in a neighbour s tree

MCDONALD'S began its 'McDelivery' service to those within 1 5 miles of Commarket Street in Oxford.

The Princess Royal made her second visit of the year to RAF Brize Norton to celebrate the centenary of the air base and pay tribute to past and present members. Picture *Paul Crouch/MOD Crown Copyright*



Visitors turned out in their thousands to enjoy a colourful and fun-filled Canal Day in Banbury. The towpath was packed with stalls and demonstrations while there was a host of entertainment in Spiceball Park including falconry, fairground rides, go karts and refreshments

The streets of Oxford came alive with the pitter patter of more than 8,000 runners taking part in the city's seventh half marathon Jon Morwood was the first to cross the finish line with a time of 1 07 52 while our reporter George Welch, running for our charity of the year Play2Give, finished in 1 30.48

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Review of the year 2017: November

CHANCELLOR Philip Hammond used the Autumn Budget to announce a £215m package over the next five years to build homes and infrastructure in Oxfordshire It included a commitment to the East West rail route between Oxford and Cambridge

A GOVERNMENT-BACKED report also said a revived Cowley branch line could be transporting rail passengers within two years as works along the line are "essential" to support growth

THE Oxford living wage rose from £9 26 to £9 69 per hour

A COUNTY council planning committee threw out plans for Fullamoor Quarry near Clifton Hampden which was set to be the size of 165 football pitches on the grounds of environmental damage, increased pollution and congestion.

A CHARTER for safer cycling in Oxford inspired by the death of city cyclist Claudia Comberti was launched

HEALTH watchdog Healthwatch Oxfordshire called for an "urgent" review of GP services in Witney after a scathing report raised fresh concerns over increasing pressures and waiting times

A mystery woman whose name was etched in huge letters in a field was tracked down after a national search on social media It was revealed the peculiar crop pattern "Sue X" on land just south of Tetsworth was a romantic gesture to appease a disgruntled farmer's wife Picture @NPASBenson

OXFORD S first floodlit public tennis court was opened at Florence Park after a £264,000 investment.

THE wife of a former UEFA director who went missing in October pleaded with h m to come home so they could 'rebuild their lives' Bernard Ross from Oxford was believed to be in Switzerland after reportedly being seen in France on a pedal bike. He was found just days before Christmas.

OXFORDSHIRE hospitals admitted turning to nurses in India to fill vacant posts.

FOUR detectives and a staff member who worked tirelessly to solve the murder of art collector Adnan Greenwood were commended for their efforts

CHILTERN Edge school in Sonning Common was saved by the county council after months of uncertainty

OXFORD City Council removed the Freedom of the City from Aung San Suu Kyi in response to the treatment of Rohingya refugees in Myanmar

AROUND £10 000 of perfume was stolen from Boots stores in Wallingford and Thame An early Christmas present perhaps?

THOUSANDS of devoted fundraisers helped Oxford Children s Hospital Charity hit the halfway mark of its special 10th anniversary £2m appeal

Taxi driver Satbir Arora was commended for his efforts after saving a 13-year old Bicester girl from sn unthinkable ordeal' at the hands of a paedophile Sam Hewings, 24, of Hadley Road, Cam, was jailed for five years after admitting the attempted abduction of the teenage girl, eight counts of making indecent images and one charge of distributing indecent images of children

Children from RAF Brize Norton pre-school showed you're never too young to take part in Remembrance commemorations. They laid red, black and green coloured stones in Carterton's Memorial Garden to create a poppy to honour the fallen

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Review of the year 2017: December

HEAVY snowfall and icy conditions caused major disruption across Oxfordshire. Helen & Douglas House apologised after the Oxford based charity was forced to cancel its biggest fundraiser Santas on the Run due to the treacherous conditions More than 20 homeless people made use of an emergency shelter in Oxford.

OXFORD Christmas Market was named 'Oxfordshire s favourite event at the In Oxford Awards

RACHEL Ryan, a 41-year-old teacher from Swansea, was jailed for 15 months after being caught dealing drugs to pupils at an unnamed north Oxfordshire school when she taught there

A £50m investment into Wantage and Grove's roads, schools, parks and sports fields was announced by developer Persimmon Homes which is building in the area

MUCH-LOVED Witney youth charity Base 33 closed its doors for the last time as it declared itself insolvent.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS working on the Oxford flood relief scheme unearthed poss ble Bronze and Iron Age settlements near South Hinksey

A PLUMBER accidentally started a fire in the basement of the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford.

It seems snow is a fascination whether you're a child or an animal at a wildlife park These feathered friends at Cotswolds are no exception as they ventured out into the white stuff. Picture *Cotswold Wildlife Park*

SOUTHERN Health NHS Foundation Trust, which admitted responsibility for the death of 18-year-old Connor Sparrowhawk, who drowned in a bath at one of its Headington facility in 2013 would be sentenced in March.

THE number of people visiting Oxford city centre in the run up to Christmas was up 13 per cent compared to the same period last year The increase was put down in part to the Westgate opening.

WALLINGFORD bus driver Cheikh Daouda Senghor admitted dangerous driving after his double-decker mounted the curb and hit a pedestrian in Reading in June

CAMPAIGNERS were forced to wait a little longer in their legal bid to stop services at the Horton Hospital in Banbury being downgraded after the judge reserved his decision

BRIAN Matthews, 78 who has never picked up a racket to play badminton, won a national award for his years of selfless dedication to the Windrush club in Witney

CHERWELL councillors backed a plan to buy Banbury s Castle Quay shopping centre in a deal totalling more than £100m

Families braved the snow and icy weather to enjoy the company of Thomas the Tank Engine and Father Christmas at Didcot Railway Centre hosted its Christmas special Picture. *Didcot Railway Centre*

Sacks of love were delivered to sick children as Play2Give's annual Christmas toy donation, Sleigh2Give, proved bigger and better than ever Although the total number and value of gifts weren't known as we went to press, founder Andy Baker said a record-breaking number of goodies were donated this year. Picture *Phil Goodall*

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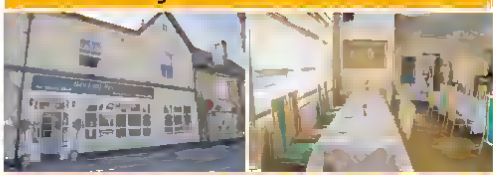

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Competition

WIN tickets to "Icons of the 80s" at The New Theatre, Oxford

Entertainers is proud to bring together your favourite eighties artists all on one stage! The latest line-up includes Go West, Nik Kershaw and Cutting Crew together in one unique concert.

The eighties are back and these legendary stars have joined forces for a truly incredible once in a lifetime, concert experience at Oxford's New Theatre on January 18th at 7.30pm.

With millions of albums sales and hits like We Close Our Eyes, Call Me, King Of Wishful Thinking, Wouldn't It Be Good, The Riddle, I Won't Let The Sun Go Down On Me, I've Been In Love Before and the classic (I Just) Died In Your Arms, this authentic 80s triple header is not to be missed.

Go West It has been over 30 years since Go West had their first hit single We Close Our Eyes. Other hits followed including Call Me, Goodbye Girl and Don't Look Down, Faithful and the smash hit theme song in the film Pretty Woman King of Wishful Thinking.

Nik Kershaw Nik Kershaw first achieved chart success in 1984 with Wouldn't It Be Good? followed by other classics such as Won't Let the Sun Go Down on Me and The Riddle. A prolific writer for other artists, Nik also penned the number one single The One and Only for Chesney Hawkes.

Cutting Crew Originally formed in the mid-80s, this Grammy nominated, Anglo-Canadian rock band will always be remembered for their classic song (I Just) Died In Your Arms, which helped define the musical sounds of the club scene during the eighties and is still played widely today. Over twenty years later, with millions of album sales, original singer/songwriter Nick Van Eede has signed new recording publishing deals and is back on the road promoting his awesome new material.

Closing date Thursday, January 11, 2018

Win tickets!

We have a pair of tickets to this great show at The New Theatre and to be in with a chance of winning all you have to do is answer the following simple question.

When did Nik Kershaw first chart with Wouldn't It Be good?

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Win a pair of tickets!

We have teamed up with Cirque du Soleil to offer our readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to see this highly sought after production at the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 7.30pm.

There are 3x pairs of tickets to be won. To be in with a chance of winning answer the following question:

Q. Which animal kingdom does OVO explore? Reptiles, Mammals, Insects or Fish?

Prize tickets are Price Level 2-3 and are valid for Tuesday 27th February 2018 7.30pm performance only, strictly subject to availability. All prize tickets will be supplied as e-tickets and are non-transferable. No cash alternative is available. Travel is not included.

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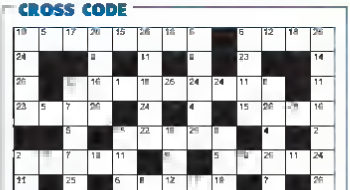


ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the central grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and central grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

MAGIC SQUARE

UP ON TO OLD PLATEAU

Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically

Quiz Challenge

1. Which castle in England is sometimes called 'The Windsor of the North'?
2. What type of geographical feature is a tarn?
3. For what do the initials DNR stand when written on a patient's notes in hospital?
4. Which Vauxhall car model features in the title of a jukebox musical by Jennifer Saunders based on the Spice Girls?
5. Born in the 14th century, Blanche, Duchess of Lancaster, was the mother of which king of England?
6. Which is the longest name for a letter in the NATO phonetic alphabet?
7. In which sport do winners collect the Vince Lombardi Trophy?
8. In 2015, choreographer Louie Spence took part in the second series of which reality TV show concerning winter sports?
9. To which other TV presenter is Eamonn Holmes married?
10. Which Stoke City, Arsenal and Sunderland central defender won his only two England caps in 1994?

NONAGRAM

R	A	N
C	H	E
U	R	I

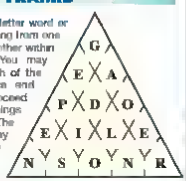
How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

Guidelines:
19 Good 23 Very Good
27 Excellent.

Any word found in first Collins Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated and/or contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang terms; varied spellings of first letters word (others another variant is also eligible).

WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber



FIVE ALIVE

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Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

SUDOKU

Easy — Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 and so must each 3 x 3 box. — Hard

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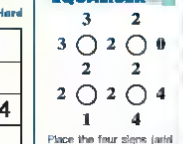
EQUALISER



Place the four signs (add subtract, multiply divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same

Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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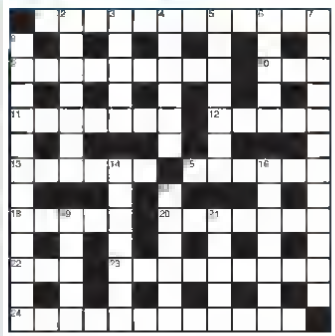


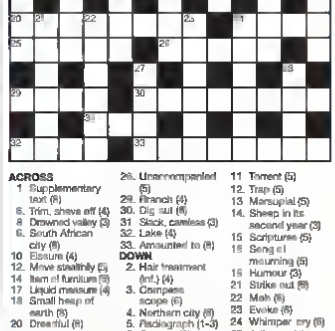
ACROSS

1 It's the done thing in France (4,8)
9 Paying attention to unhappy Edgar who has come in to call (9)
10 Nothing left in retrospect (3)
11 Developed palms at church from a vegetable (7)
12 Resort before mid-afternoon is more pleasant (5)
13 Heavenly model made arms the year after (8)
15 A bag I'm taking round the country (5)
18 Was including the foreign principality (5)
20 The French setter has space in a car perhaps (7)
22 Radical backed the German (8)
23 The shape of a number of aircraft perhaps (9)
24 Illness disrupted carver's fleet (7,5)

DOWN

2 More cross about the broken earring (7)
3 Land in the Mediterranean (5)
4 Hackneyed phrase used by one hundred in revolutionary South American country (6)
5 Heard a number of instruments with a dress fabric (7)
6 Greek god in charge of terror (5)
7 I will provide medication or abuse (3-3)
8 Keep moving ahead despite having reporters in the hospital (5,7)
14 Still in an awful flutter (7)
16 Newly-wed accepts order for sedative (7)
17 The girl has time for wine (6)
19 New daily woman (5)
21 She might come before dinner (5)

QUICK CROSSWORD



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5 Radiograph (1-3)
6 Outcast (6)
7 Replace contents (6)
11 Torrent (5)
12 Trap (5)
13 Marsupial (5)
14 Sheep in its second year (3)
15 Scriptures (5)
16 Song of mourning (5)
17 Humour (3)
21 Strike out (8)
22 Melt (6)
23 Evoke (6)
24 Whimper cry (6)
27 Adjacent (4)
28 Eyelid inflammation (4)

SOLUTIONS

QUIZ CHALLENGE: 1 Alnwick Castle 2 Small mountain lake 3 Do not resuscitate 4 Viva Forever! 5 Henry IV 6 November 7 American Football League 8 Strictly Come Dancing 9 Dave Hulme 10 Peter Beagrie

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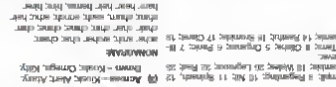

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Saturday December 30th

BBC 1

TOP TV

7.10pm A Christmas Carol Goes Wrong

MORNING

10.00am Saturday Kitchen
11.00am Nigel Slater's New Year Suppers

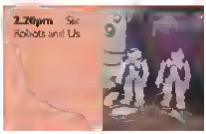
AFTERNOON

12.00pm Football Focus
1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm 102 Dalmatians
2.50pm The Penguins of Madagascar
4.10pm Final Score
5.30pm BBC News
5.40pm Regional News and Weather
5.50pm Celebrity Mastermind

EVENING

6.20pm Pointless
7.10pm A Christmas Carol Goes Wrong
8.00pm Avengers: Age of Ultron
10.10pm BBC News
10.30pm Match of the Day
11.55pm The NFL Show
12.25am Dinner for Schmucks
2.15am Weather for the Week Ahead
2.20am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2



2.20pm Six Robots and Us

MORNING

7.35am Pirate Fairy
8.45am The Big Family Cooking Showdown
9.45am Natural World
10.35am Behind Closed Doors
11.35am Mansfield Park

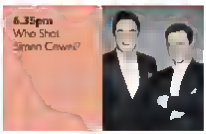
AFTERNOON

1.20pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes
2.20pm Six Robots and Us
3.20pm All About Eve
5.35pm Talking Pictures

EVENING

6.20pm Alice in Wonderland
8.00pm Dad's Army
8.30pm Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs
9.00pm Freud, Bacon and Joan
10.30pm Hush Hush Sweet Charlotte
12.40am Absolutely Fashion
1.40am Mary, Mel and Sue's Big Christmas Thank You
2.40am Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
3.00am This is BBC Two
6.35am Birds of Paradise

ITV



6.35pm Who Shot Simon Cowell?

MORNING

8.00am The Aquabatics Super Show!
8.55am Scrambled!'s Shiniest Showdown Ever
9.25am ITV News
9.30am Saturday Morning with James Martin
11.25am Endeavour

AFTERNOON

1.15pm ITV News
1.30pm The Chase
2.30pm 3 Men and a Baby
4.25pm Despicable Me 2

EVENING

6.10pm ITV News London
6.20pm ITV News
6.30pm Who Shot Simon Cowell?
7.00pm Guess the Star
8.00pm Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1
10.40pm ITV News
11.00pm The Mask
12.50am Jackpot247
3.00am Babushka
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
6.00am Sooty
6.10am Bottom Knocker Street
6.35am Dino Dans

Channel 4

3.15pm Pride and Prejudice

MORNING

7.05am Bridge to Terabithia
8.00am Lego Masters Ep4
9.55am The Simpsons
11.50am We're Going on a Bear Hunt

AFTERNOON

12.25pm Anne Sally
12.50pm Ever After
3.15pm Pride and Prejudice
5.40pm Channel 4 News
5.55pm Crocodile Dundee II

EVENING

8.00pm The Price is Right
9.00pm The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1
11.20pm Speed
1.25am Speed with Guy Martin
2.30am Hollyoaks Omnibus
4.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
5.00am Four in a Bed
5.25am Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
5.45am The Four Musketeers

Channel 5

12.55pm Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan Lord of the Apes

MORNING

9.25am Shimmer and Shine
9.55am Digby Dragon
10.05am Peppa Pig
10.20am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10.40am Olly the Little White Van
10.50am The African Queen

AFTERNOON

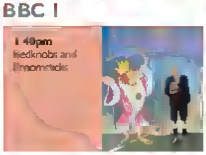
12.55pm Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan Lord of the Apes
3.30pm Live Premiership Rugby

EVENING

6.05pm World's Strongest Man 2017
7.00pm Blind Date
8.00pm Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!
9.00pm 5 News Weekend
9.05pm Football on 5
10.45pm How Magic Changed TV
12.15am Super Casino
3.10am Our Dream Hotel
4.45am House Doctor
5.15am Wildlife SOS
5.25am Chinese Food in Minutes
5.50am Access
6.00am Little Princess

Sunday December 31st – New Years Eve

BBC 1



TOP TV

1.40pm Beeblebrox and Brownstocks

MORNING

8.00am Match of the Day
9.20am Bolt
10.35am The Croods

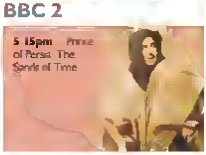
AFTERNOON

12.25pm BBC News
12.40pm Comic Relief 2017 Twas the Thanks After Red Nose Day
1.40pm Beeblebrox and Brownstocks
3.35pm Songs of Praise
4.05pm Top of the Pops
5.05pm Attenborough and the Giant Elephant

EVENING

6.05pm BBC News
6.20pm Regional News and Weather
6.30pm Celebrity Mastermind
7.00pm Countryfile
8.40pm Antiques Roadshow
9.00pm The Real Mongolia on Tour
10.00pm BBC News
10.20pm The Graham Norton Show
11.25pm Nile Rodgers and Chic: Good Times 2017
11.55pm New Year's Eve Fireworks 2017
12.10am Nile Rodgers and Chic: Good Times 2018
12.50am Michael McIntyre

BBC 2



5.15pm Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time

MORNING

7.35am Mars Needs Moms
9.00am The Big Family Cooking Showdown
10.00am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
11.30am The A to Z of TV Cooking

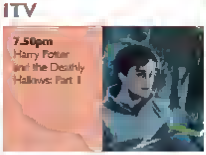
AFTERNOON

12.15pm Shall We Dance?
1.55pm Six Robots and Us
2.55pm Talking Pictures
3.40pm 84 Charing Cross Road
5.15pm Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time

EVENING

7.00pm Robot Wars Special
8.00pm Into the Woods: Stage to Screen
10.00pm Match of the Day 2
10.40pm Live at the Apollo
11.20pm Jools's Annual Hootenanny 2017
1.20am Best of Glastonbury 2017
3.35am Countryfile
4.20am This is BBC Two
6.35am Stick Man
6.35am Frankenweenie

ITV



7.50pm Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1

MORNING

7.45am Mr Bean The Animated Series
8.15am Horrid Henry
8.30am A Grizzly New Year's Tale
8.55am Scrambled!
9.25am Countrywise
9.00am Crane Royale

AFTERNOON

12.25pm ITV News
12.30pm All Star Musicals
2.20pm A Very Royal Wedding
3.30pm A Right Royal Quiz
4.30pm Victoria

EVENING

6.25pm ITV News London
6.35pm ITV News
6.00pm Cannonball Splash Hits
7.00pm Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1
10.15pm The Real Full Monty
11.45pm ITV News
12.10am Parenthood
2.15am Take Me Out
3.30am Through the Keyhole
4.10am ITV Nightscreen
6.00am Dino Dans
6.25am Super 4
6.55am Share a Story

Channel 4

5.25pm Britain's Wildest Weather 2017

MORNING

7.35am Fraser
8.25am F1 Grand Prix
9.00am Sunday Brunch

AFTERNOON

12.30pm The Simpsons
1.55pm We Bought a Zoo
4.20pm Channel 4 News
4.25pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
5.25pm Britain's Wildest Weather 2017

EVENING

7.00pm Amazing Space Snow and Ice Special
8.00pm The Crystal Maze
9.00pm Alan Carr's New Year Spectacular 2017
11.00pm Big Fat Quiz of the Year
1.00am Gogglebox 2017
2.55am The Crystal Maze
3.00am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
4.00am Location, Location, Location
5.35am Come Dine with Me
6.05am Jamie's Cracking Christmas
6.15am Flash Gordon

Channel 5

12.55pm 3 Men and a Little Lady

MORNING

9.15am Shimmer and Shine
9.30am Digby Dragon
9.45am Peppa Pig
9.50am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10.05am Olly the Little White Van
10.20am Football on 5

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Alaska: A Year in the Wild
12.55pm 3 Men and a Little Lady
2.55pm Groundhog Day
3.55pm 5 News
4.00pm Groundhog Day
5.00pm The Lego Movie

EVENING

7.00pm Rock by Rock: The Lego Story
8.00pm World's Strongest Man 2017
8.00pm 5 News Weekend
9.00pm When TV Goes Horribly Wrong
11.55pm Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
12.50am Super Casino
3.10am World's Strongest Man 2017
4.00am Cruising with Jane McDonald
4.50am House Doctor
5.20am Wildlife SOS
5.50am Chinese Food in Minutes
6.00am Puffin Rock
6.05am Peppy Cat

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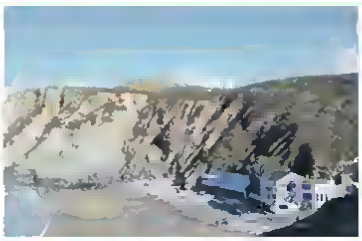

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19/03/18
5 Days: £329

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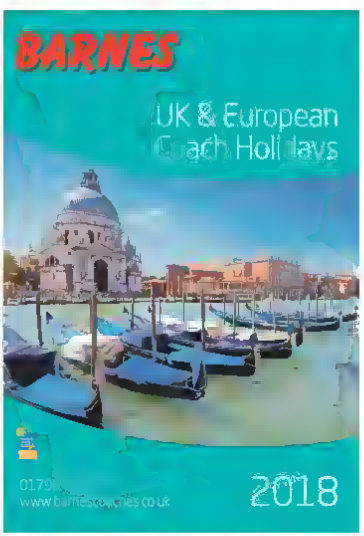
This fabulous North Wales The Lion Hotel which has been tastefully developed from an Olde Inn situated on Criccieth Green. On this tour we will make stops in the Isle of Anglesey, the elegant Victorian resort of Llandudno and also Porthmadog for a ride on the Welsh Highland & Lowland Railway!



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Get ready for Winter

Now's the perfect time to replace your garden fence once and for all. Anna Ryder Richardson - Designer and Television Presenter - takes a closer look at Colourfence, the revolutionary low-maintenance system

It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quite a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

The latest design processes mean there is now a tremendous array of fencing products for you to choose from - as instructed from a variety of materials. Each has its own attributes and ultimately it can often come down to a matter of personal preference. For me there was one unique system that stood out as providing the best balance between price and functionality which eradicates fencing problems for good. Or for at least 25 years. Colourfence. For quality value, longevity, aesthetic design - this fencing system ticks all the boxes. Fencing made for the 21st century that will transform the look of your garden which is supplied and fitted by a company whose customer service is as good as the product.

In my view Colourfence is the Rolls Royce of fencing - just without the exclusive price tag. What's more - it's guaranteed to stay in place in up to 130mph winds and is virtually maintenance free.

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Colourfence: The ultimate garden fence?

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Monday January 1st - New Years Day

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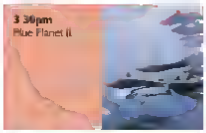

3.30pm Blue Planet II

9.00am Cars 2
10.40am How to Train Your Dragon: Legend of the Boneknapper Dragon
10.55am Bedtime Stories

12.25pm The Highway Rat
12.55pm The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message
1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm A Christmas Carol Goes Wrong
2.05pm Shrek Forever After
3.35pm Blue Planet II
5.05pm Maleficent

6.30pm BBC News
6.45pm Regional News and Weather
6.55pm Grandpa's Great Escape
8.00pm EastEnders
9.00pm McMafia
10.00pm Mrs. Brown's Boys
10.30pm BBC News
10.50pm Regional News and Weather
11.00pm Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull
12.55am The Graham Norton Show
1.55am Weather for the Week Ahead
2.00am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

7.00pm Reindeer Family and Me

8.15am The Big Family Cooking Showdown
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10.15am New Year's Day Concert: Live from Vienna 2018

12.45pm Natural World
1.35pm Dances with Wolves
4.25pm The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message
4.30pm Final Score
5.30pm The Perfect Morecambe and Wise

6.00pm Eric and Ernie's Home Movies
7.00pm Reindeer Family and Me
8.00pm Only Connect
8.30pm Christmas University Challenge 2017
9.00pm Sue Perkins and the Chimp Sanctuary
10.00pm Nosh
12.10am Frankie Boyle's 2017 New World Order
12.40am Ramesh Ranganathan: Irrational Live
1.40am Festival Tales: Edinburgh at 70
2.40am The Highway Rat

ITV

3.30pm Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

7.25am Horrid Henry
8.25am Mr. Bean
8.55am Scrambled! Sketch Show
9.25am Cannonball!
10.25am You've Been Framed! Gold
10.55am 50 Greatest Harry Potter Moments

12.45pm ITV News
1.00pm ITV Racing: Live from Cheltenham
3.30pm Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
5.45pm Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs

6.40pm ITV News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm Speedre
10.45pm ITV News
11.05pm The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
11.35pm Piers Morgan with Anthony Joshua
12.30am Jackpot247
3.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show
3.55am ITV Nightscreen
5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
6.00am Good Morning Britain

Channel 4

9.00pm Pitch Perfect 2

8.15am Thunderbirds
10.05am The Simpsons
11.35am The Cat in the Hat

1.10pm Hugo
3.35pm Ice Age: The Meltdown
5.20pm Channel 4 News
5.30pm Mrs. Doubtfire

7.40pm The Great Festive Bake Off
9.00pm Pitch Perfect 2
11.15pm First Dates
12.20am The Price is Right
1.15am Speed 2: Cruise Control
3.20am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
4.10am Location, Location, Location
5.05am Come Dine with Me
6.00am Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
6.20am 3rd Rock from the Sun

Channel 5

6.35pm World's Strongest Man 2017

7.10am Fireman Sam
7.20am Shimmer and Shine
7.40am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
7.55am Thomas and Friends
9.25am On the Town
11.25am Oliver!

2.10pm Mrs Calabash's Catalogue War
4.20pm The Hundred-Foot Journey

6.30pm World's Strongest Man 2017
8.00pm The Two Ronnies
10.05pm Britain's Greatest Ever Double Acts
12.50am Football on 5
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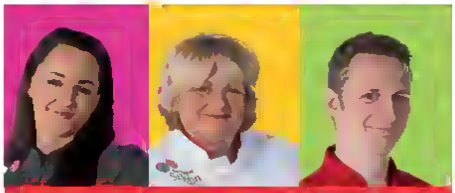

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Tuesday January 2nd

BBC 1

MORNING

9.15am Rip Off Britain
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

AFTERNOON

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm I Escaped to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
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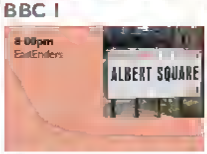

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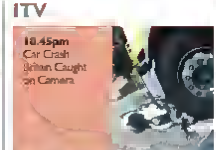

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Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing too little, too late to protect their hard-earned assets.

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1. Care Cost Fees

A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the local authority to help pay for these services This goes back to the Community Care Act 1990, which came into force in 1993.

If someone requires social care in later life, the local authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250, when the local authority will take over the fees

Paul knows this all too well, after experiencing this personally. *"My own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her*

When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her the house and all the estate were counted in the local authority's means test.

Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the local authority get it all?'

Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14 250 – and that's all that her children inherited."

There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this. The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so it won t be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true.

Local authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time

Sometimes people think if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe

This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not local authority care

The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place

Paul continues. *"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children stating that they couldn t have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills*

If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would have only been means tested on her own half of the house but my grandfather's half would have been safe

Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?

The important factor is that couples need to act in advance Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning

It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain a further important point. Most clients he sees are surprised to learn that remarriage usually cancels a will and makes the new spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children!

Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

It's another important reason for home-owning couples to upgrade to a Property Trust Will.

2. Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard "mirror wills" with other firms before approaching the firm. A mirror will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies But modern family life means these type of wills leave a lot to chance

Explains Paul. *"If I have a mirror will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the local authority are likely to inherit most if not all of my estate ahead of my children.*

Even if my children are named in my mirror will it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything

Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit.

The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a mirror will. If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance.

Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work!

I've experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has Bloodline trusts will give greater protection to your children."

Paul continues *"These things can be avoided by having a bloodline trusts will Under these types of wills your children have complete control and access to the inheritance they receive from you but give added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life The wording in these wills states that any money left over on their demise must pass to any children born of them – your grandchildren."*

3. Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a will that deals with their estate on death and a lasting power of attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

The lasting power of attorney is a relatively new introduction and is divided into two parts – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare In many ways it's similar to a passport, a document that s registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they receive care Your attorneys, again perhaps your children must legally act in your best interests at all times You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently and April King advises on the various options available

Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a lasting power of attorney document

Having a lasting power of attorney removes the burden on children should ill-health happen further down the line It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent s lifetime and ceases on death. Crucially, you have to complete a lasting power of attorney while they are still in good mental health

If someone becomes ill through say, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process. It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family

Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly where there are children or a business involved. It's not just something to think about when you get older that s the challenge for us

People think 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a power of attorney?'

But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance Paul adds *"The next part is to appoint the attorneys your children. Don t forget, your children can be the executors of your will and attorneys as well The lasting power of attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it. Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."*

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Reading aloud: the gift of time

There are many different reasons why the elderly give up reading Common barriers include increasingly poor vision, the lack of strength to hold up a book, dementia and other medical reasons Losing the ability to choose a book or newspaper and become absorbed in the words on the page can leave those who have enjoyed reading all their lives feeling both isolated from the real world and the fictional worlds they could discover and discuss

Giving someone the gift of time..sitting and reading to them..can therefore bring real joy, and comfort too as it often also reminds people of the warmth and love of their childhood their mother s arms or a bedtime story with Father

Researchers have found that being read aloud to can stimulate memories and imagination. Improve mood and concentration and also increase social interactions There s something about sharing a book and sharing the experiences with the characters in the book, that brings a closeness to a relationship and whilst the neutrality of piece of prose means it is neither demonstrative nor demanding it can still can trigger deeply hidden recollections and unexpected conversations

For family members or people living with dementia in particular a Christmas visit can be difficult when their memory may be severely curtailed and their responses erratic Reading aloud can be a simple and relaxing way to spend time just being together

For those living with dementia hearing poetry whether it is new or recognised from the past, seems to elicit a better response than prose: poems are generally read slower have an inherent rhythm and every line is full of condensed and evocative description

If you don t quite know where to begin, there is a book called A Little aloud (published by Chatto and Windus £9 99) which includes short poems and sections of prose that are especially suitable for reading aloud They cover a wide variety of topics and have been chosen to share each piece has is marked with the approximate time you ll need to read it aloud and accompanying thought-provoking notes

One particularly lovely poem is It Was Long Ago by Eleanor Farjeon which begins.

I ll tell you shall I, something I remember?

Something that still means a great deal to me.

It was long ago

A dusty road in summer I remember

A mountain, and an old house, and a tree

That stood, you know

Behind the house An old woman I remember

In a red shawl with a grey cat on her knee

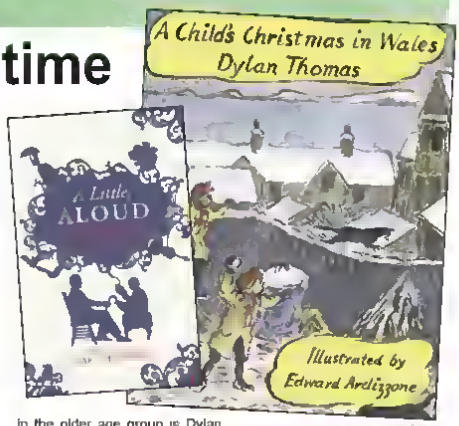
Humming under a tree

She seemed the oldest thing I can remember

But then perhaps I was not more than three

It was long ago

Another book to share at this time of year and stimulate reminiscence in the older age group is Dylan Thomas s A Child s Christmas in Wales The illustrations drawn by artist Edward Ardizzone whose pictures will be instantly recognisable to anyone who shared pictures books as a child in the 1930s-1950s reminding the reader of simpler times that have long past Thomas s recollections of an old-fashioned Christmas are described in poetic language through the eyes of a small child with gentle humour and descriptions as rich and warming as traditional plum pudding



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In seventh heaven

By **Tony Yates**

I was starting to get a little worried that we were not seeing any new seven seaters in the world of motoring anymore – so, when I heard Skoda was going to introduce us to the new Kodiaq, which just happens to have the extra seating I'm talking about – I was very happy indeed, because for a large family or people who pretty much act as a taxi driver for everybody else in their life, this must have been some very welcome news indeed.

Of course being seven seated does not mean it's slow and like steering a boat – in fact it's actually more like a limousine on wheels. Ok, it's not an actual limo – but it does have an interesting array of equipment and storage for all those times when a big car really is the saviour of the day.

Power and efficiency

My test car was fitted with a 150PS 1.4-litre petrol engine; its performance is good, but not what I would call 'racy' but it does get a move on once you get into the power band of that turbo 0-62mph comes in around 10sec – and you can expect fuel consumption figures to easily reach 37-40 mpg combined. Top speed is also around 119mph and because it's a Skoda – you get all the usual energy saving devices such as; Stop/Start etc.

On the road

Firstly – I am so impressed by how the Kodiaq dealt with the lumps and bumps on our roads. Secondly, this a 4x4 which basically means it can to a certain degree handle off road driving – although, I doubt you will ever feel the need to drive it around in the mud like a hooligan.

Into the corners it also feels very controlled and steady – and when pushed to its limits there were no nasty surprises and nothing unexpected happened. But, and it's a tiny one – the Kodiaq does have a small amount of gearbox lag (DSG) in Normal mode. If I was you, I would keep it in sport mode pretty much all the time. Apart from that small niggle – the Kodiaq is rather good and even better with its excellent 4X4 capabilities – what more could you possibly ask for.

Safety and technology

Inside, looks great, and it has a nicely trimmed cabin which is something Skoda has worked on a lot over time. Rear leg room is also massive thanks to the movable rear seats configuration. The Kodiaq will easily accommodate seven people or large family with ease. The quality and feel inside the cabin is also very good thanks to Skoda's excellent build quality.

The level of standard equipment on the SE L version starts with dual zone air conditioning, 19" Sirius alloy wheels, cruise control, black roof rails, heated front seats, ABS, EBV, MSR, ASR, EDS, DSR & ESBS, LED daytime running lights, LED rear lights, rear parking sensors, electronically operated boot, KESSY keyless system, an umbrella in the front doors, Alcantara upholstery and 7 airbags. This is just a small amount of what you can expect to find on what I consider to be a very well equipped car where everything you will ever need is on hand to make life just that little bit easier.

A new seven seater which offers something for every need

To sum up

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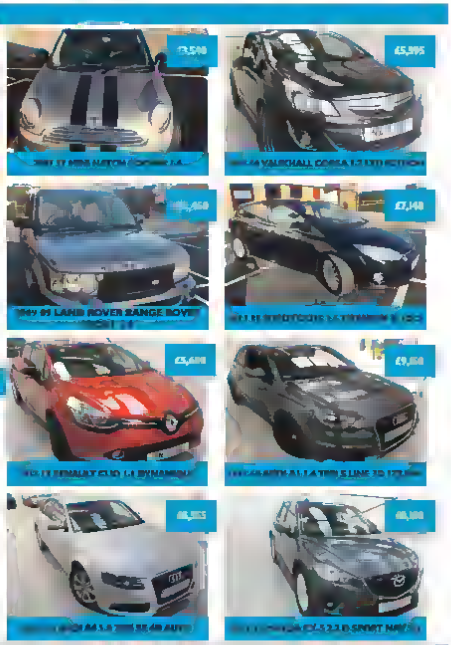

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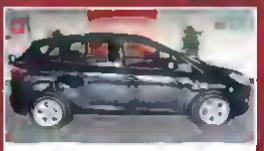

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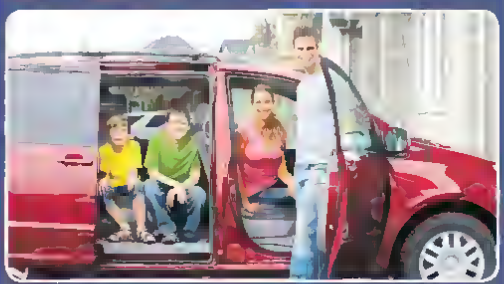

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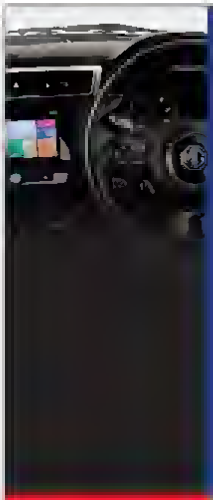

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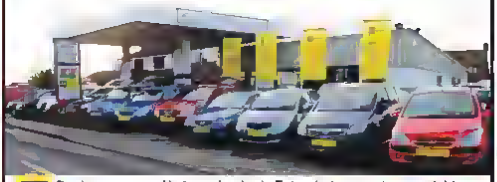

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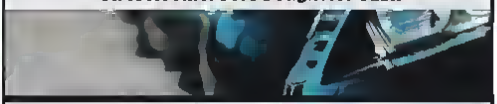

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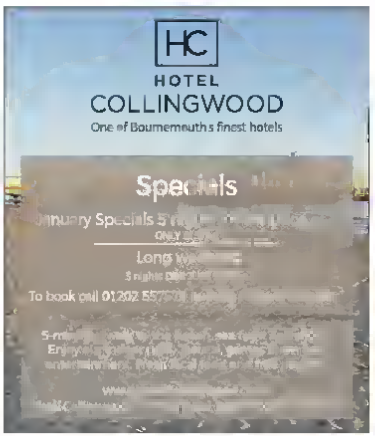

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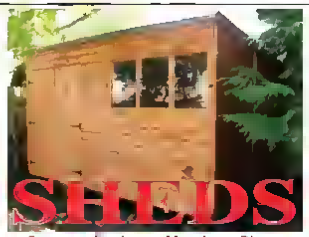

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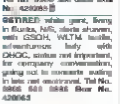

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New clubs help Eddie tee up a better 2017

Golf

EDDIE Pepperell's year ended with a first ever nomination for Sportsman of the Year at the 2017 Oxfordshire Sports Awards to complete a remarkable turnaround for the Frilford Heath member

Pepperell, 26, had a disastrous 2016 and was fighting to rescue his European Tour card towards the end of the year after being forced to return to Q-School.

But the Abingdon-based pro went on to secure a top-20 finish at the US Open in June and enjoyed his best ever season on the European Tour to end 2017 back on track.

It has been a year of risk-taking that has paid off for Pepperell who credits changing clubs as one of the main reasons for his upturn in fortunes after parting company with TaylorMade earlier in the season.

Pepperell is well known off the course for his articulate blogs and credits a new driver that suits his backspin for his 16th placed finish at the US Open, his best finish in a Major championship

He said in November: "In hindsight, I was so incredibly naive when it came to the technical aspects of equipment.

"As soon as we added backspin to the driver and put a different, higher spinning ball in play the low and left shot pretty much disappeared, and my confidence gradually returned.

"This change was 100 per cent the reason behind my top-20 at the US Open.

"I was unafraid to hit the driver that week on a course that demanded good driving in an environment that was also quite challenging."

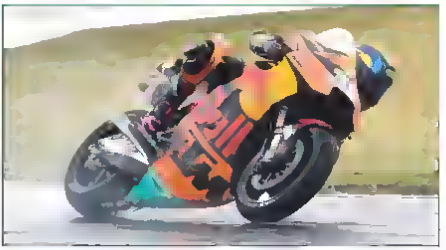
The addition of a new caddie, Mick Doran, midway through the year also made an impact on the Abingdon man's performance.

Third-place finishes at both the KLM Open and the Portuguese Masters immediately followed the change in personnel.

Pepperell recorded seven top 10 finishes in eight events in September and October to finish 42nd in the Race to Dubai.

Earlier this month the world number 135 added another feather in his cap after flying straight from the European Tour season finale in Dubai to open a new state-of-the art high-performance centre and shop at his home club.

Eddie Pepperell, left, helps open a new state-of-the-art facility at Frilford Heath in November with Nick Pink, CEO of England Golf



Bradley Smith achieved his highest placed finish at Motegi in October Picture: *Gold and Goose*

Strong finish with Red Bull

MotoGP

FOREST Hill's Bradley Smith survived another testing season in the MotoGP to finish strongly in his first campaign with newcomers Red Bull KTM

In what was an unpredictable 2017 season for most teams Smith produced a string of inconsistent performances that almost saw him dropped in favour of KTM tester Mika Kallio

Losing to Kallio during a wildcard outing at the Red Bull Ring in August did not do Smith any favours before KTM issued a statement in support of the 27 year-old that led to an upturn in form

The rookie KTM tandem of Smith and Pol Espargaro did not manage a single podium finish this season, accumulating eight DNF's in total.

It was an encouraging maiden season for KTM and Smith enjoyed a home race at Silverstone in August having missed out in 2016 with a knee injury

Smith managed a season-best seventh finish on the grid at a rain-struck Motegi in October one place ahead of Espargaro

The MotoGP standings reflect the season the pair have endured with Smith ending on 26 points and three places below Espargaro in 21st

Smith would have been hoping for better in his first year with KTM and slipped four places lower in the standings than his position at the end of the 2016 season.

The Oxford-born rider is under contract with KTM for next year and has been reassured he will continue to partner teammate Espargaro in 2018

Stars shining brightly at top of the tree after uncertain start

Ice hockey

THE future for table-toppers Oxford City Stars did not look quite so bright in May when the Oxpens Road team briefly found themselves without a league to play in.

After finishing the 2016/17 season in fourth place on a respectable 28 points, the club were left in turmoil over a proposed new league structure.

The decision to switch from the previously unanimously agreed two conference system to a single league of 11 or 12 competitors over the summer put the future of a number of teams in jeopardy

The English Ice Hockey Association eventually scrapped its plans for a new conference system after the Stars and a number of other teams were forced to withdraw due to the increased financial strain.

Replacing outgoing head coach Simon Anderson with Ireland's Kenny Redmond in June steadied the ship ahead of the team's move from the National Ice Hockey League (NIHL) South Division 1 to South 2.

Veteran Alan Green announced his retirement in March after 200 games for the Stars amassing a total of 356 points during multiple spells with the Oxford team.

The club retained key players such as local player Joe Edwards and stalwart Andy Cox, who re-signed for his 16th season with the club while adding prolific goal scorer Matt Lawday to its roster to breathe new life into the Stars.

The move to the South 2 division has seen the Stars rocket up the league after making a flying start to the 2017/18 season, producing a number of dominant displays.

Winning 12 of their 13 games so far this season including a run of 10 straight wins has seen the team head to the top of the division and five points clear of their nearest rivals at time of print.

Kamil Kinkor has enjoyed a fine season notching up a tally of 23 goals so far this season.

The club will be hoping to keep up their impressive form for the remaining 13 games in South 2 to pick up their first league title since the 2013/14 double winning season.

Runaway leaders Oxford City Stars donned a one-off Christmas jersey in their 18-1 demolition of Lee Valley Lions. Picture: *Paul Foster*

Oxford RL made history in May by playing in Canada's first professional rugby league match

From blues to gold as teams merge

Other sport

OXFORD RL ended the season in 13th, one place higher than their 2016 campaign with eight points and four wins in the Kingstone Press League.

But the Blues will not compete next year after the Rugby Football League accepted their proposal to merge with University of Gloucestershire All Golds in November to form a new Bristol-based team.

There was disappointment for Oxford University's men's and women's teams in the annual Varsity matches at Twickenham as the women failed to cross the Cambridge try line in a 24-0 defeat while the men suffered a second successive loss 20-10

In American Football, expectations were high for the newly promoted Oxford Saints who finished mid table in SFC 1 Central.

But the lack of an established quarterback and heavy losses in the latter stages of the season saw chances of making the play-offs slip away

Veteran driver Jason Plato squalled last season's record of one win to finish 12th on 146 points for the Subaru squad in the 2017 British Touring Car Championship.

In Formula E, Alex Lynn, who lives in Grove, became only the third driver in the sport's history to start a debut race from pole position to force his way into contention when teams consider their line-ups for next season.

Sport review of the year 2017

Thrills and spills for F1 teams

F1

TWO of Oxfordshire's Formula 1 teams suffered contrasting seasons, with Williams failing to look likely to finish above fifth in the constructors championship, while Renault showed some signs of progression.

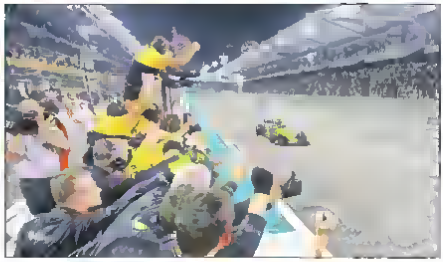
Jolyon Palmer failed to build upon the momentum from a positive 2016 season with Nico Hulkenberg earning 43 of Renault's 57 points.

Palmer was finally dropped in October, ending weeks of speculation and was replaced with Carlos Sainz with the Enstone-based team going on to clinch sixth in the constructors in the last race.

Reliability issues dogged Renault after making changes to its engine over the winter and will be pleased to have finished sixth, though they might have pushed Williams harder.

Williams never looked like breaking into the top four as Force India finished over 100 points ahead of the Grove-based team.

After Valteri Bottas was released from his contract Brazilian racer Felipe Massa reversed his decision to retire at the end of last season and re-signed on a one-year contract to partner rookie Lance Stroll.



Nico Hulkenberg did what he needed to do as his Renault side clinched sixth place in the final race of the season in Abu Dhabi
Picture *Renault Sport Formule One Team*

Canadian teenager Stroll enjoyed a decent maiden season, becoming the second-youngest driver to achieve a podium place when he finished third at the 2017 Azerbaijan Grand Prix.

Stroll continued to break records when he became the youngest driver to start on the front row of a race at the age of 18 years and 310 days at the Italian Grand Prix in September.

It took until the third last race of the season for Stroll to place ahead of Massa, who had one of the best qualifying scores of 2017 with the Brazilian ending his 15-year career two races later.

Felipe Massa bids farewell to home fans at the last race in Brazil
Picture *Williams Martini Racing*

The biggest test for Williams next year will be finding the right replacement for Massa. At time of print, Robert Kubica was rumoured to be the most likely to fill the seat.

Banbury-based Haas F1's youngest team, endured a tough sophomore season as they finished eighth. Drivers Romain Grosjean and Kevin Magnussen saw their former team Renault leapfrog them in the standings.

Grosjean managed to get the best out of the Ferrari hardware and claimed sixth place in Austria, while Magnussen peaked with seventh in Baku.

Puritans slip as they struggle to maintain form

Banbury United

The Puritans test the Hitchin defence in a 1-1 draw on Easter weekend
Picture *E.A Parson Photography*

BANBURY United end the year some way off the Evo-Stik Premier play-off spots, despite winning their first five league games.

An excellent showing in the 2016/17 season saw the Puritans unfortunate to finish in sixth place, missing out on the play-offs by just five points.

A 1-0 defeat over Easter to an in-form Leamington side quashed any lingering hopes of promotion to the National League South.

Only Leamington, who finished second, had a better defensive record all season, but it was a lack of effectiveness in front of goal that ultimately halted their chances of back-to-back promotions.

The reverse has been true of Banbury this season who have already conceded 32 goals in less than half the number of games.

Banbury began this season on fire with five straight wins in the league before their early promise evaporated.

November proved to be a lean month for Mike Ford's men who failed to win throughout the whole of November, picking up four draws in seven games.

Banbury will be hoping that the recent signing of 27 year-old Portuguese left back Nuno Fehx from last season's champions Chippenham Town will sure up a leaky defence that has kept one clean sheet since October.

A reshuffle of the board saw former player and manager Phil Lines appointed chairman following the resignation of Ronnie Johnson.

Banbury head into Christmas in ninth place in the league on 35 points, nine behind Tiverton Town in the last play-off position.

Tears and cheers as City narrowly miss cup glory

Oxford City

VICTORY over a Football League side for the first time in their 135-year existence made it a history-making 2017 for Oxford City.

The red letter win came in a superb 1-0 FA Cup first round win at League Two side Colchester United in November.

Matt Paterson netted the winner that day and the striker found the back of the net again as the Hoops took on Notts County in arguably the biggest match in the club's history the following month.

The National League South side, whose magical cup run earned them a payday of more than £100,000 were seconds away from having their name in the third round draw for the first time, only to be denied by a 95th minute County winner.

The dogged Hoops lost 3-2 but twice fought back from behind to level the tie through Rob Sinclair and Paterson in front of the BT Sport TV cameras.

The winner came from Oxfordshire-born Jorge Grant, whose goal deep into injury time snatched away any hope of a money-spinning replay.

It was last-gasp heartbreak for the part-timers — and boss Mark Jones admitted the devastation made some of his players cry.

City were praised for their performance that day but the Court Place Farm side have had contrasting fortunes in the league.

Jones turned the team's fortunes around having taken the reins on a temporary basis in December 2016 but had to stomach a turbulent second half of the season, racking up nine wins, four draws and 10 defeats.

City players applaud the supporters who travelled with them to Notts County. Picture *Michael Allen*

His side finished strongly however as City picked up four wins in the final six matches.

But any idea that this would act as a catalyst for the following season proved misguided.

Oxford, who appointed Jones permanently over the summer, only won two of their opening 11 games, a 7-1 thrashing at Dartford a particular low point.

The Boops slipped into the National League South relegation zone but the FA Cup run eventually translated into league points.

City, a point and place above the relegation zone with a game in hand, head into the new year on a six-match unbeaten run.

North Leigh celebrate after winning the Oxfordshire Senior Cup Final
Picture *Steve Daniels*

Cup highs and lows amid league battles

Other football

NEWLY PROMOTED Thame United have enjoyed life in the Evo-Stik South East division, finishing the year three points off the play-offs.

A 9-0 thrashing of Henley Town on the final day of last season saw Mark West's team overturn a seven goal deficit to leaders Bracknell Town, ensuring United's promotion from the Hellenic Premier as champions.

In the West division, North Leigh have failed to replicate their 2016/17 form that saw them miss out on the play-offs by a place and five points.

They have endured an indifferent season so far as The Millers struggle for form, leaving them 14th.

They did, however, win the Oxfordshire Senior Cup beating a young Oxford United side 2-1 in April.

Kidlington went on a rampaging six match winning streak from January into March as they enjoyed a mid-table finish in their debut season in the Central Division (now renamed the East division).

The Greens were switched to the West division over the summer where they have impressed, sitting five points off the play-offs heading into Christmas.

Didcot Town had their 15 minutes of fame in the FA Cup – although it was nothing like when they hosted Exeter City in the first round in 2015 – when their 5-0 hammering at the hands of Billericay Town was broadcast on the BBC in September.

The Railwaymen are ninth, three places higher than their finish last season and level with the last play-off spot.

After a disappointing 2016/17 campaign ended in relegation for the Alfredian's, Wantage Town have adjusted to life back in the Hellenic Premier.

The south Oxfordshire side are third in the table, 12 points off leaders Highworth Town as 2017 comes to an end.

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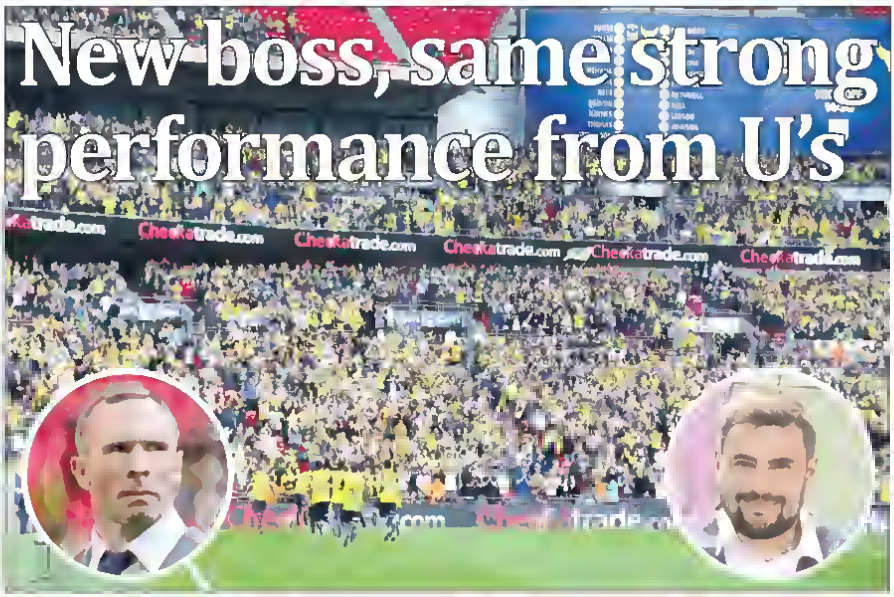
New boss, same strong performance from U's

By George Welch



From Michael Appleton to Pep Clotet, the U's have had a good 2017 despite losing in the Checkatrade final

WHEN Pep Clotet took the reins of Oxford United in the summer, the little known Spaniard promised to build on the foundations of the previous manager.

The former Swansea City and Leeds United coach replaced the popular Michael Appleton in July after the U's boss of three years made the surprise switch to become assistant manager at Premier League Leicester City.

United finished the 2016/17 campaign strongly, narrowly missing out on the League One play-offs by four points, so there was plenty for Clotet to build on.

Yet the Catalannan has done well to build a competitive squad following the loss of key players during the summer, including top scorer Chris Maguire (Bury, free), towering centre-back Chey Dunkley (Wigan, free), captain John Lundstram (Sheffield United, £500k) and wizardly winger Marvin Johnson (Middlesbrough, £2.4m).

Clotet has been true to his word and, despite a slight rebuild, has used his predecessor's success as a platform to instil a more passing and pressing focused style.

Under the guidance of Appleton, the new year began with Oxford in mid-table and fighting on three fronts.

In the four months between January and April, United jam-packed their schedule with 23 matches.

In that time Appleton's side propelled themselves up the League One table and continued their form in the FA Cup and the Checkatrade Trophy.

His team built on the previous year's cup success and made it to the FA Cup fifth round for the first time since the 1993/4 season, convincingly beating Championship winners-elect Newcastle United 3-0 on the way.

The Yellows' 62-game season included Wembley heartbreak for the second season running and the campaign ended with the play-offs tantalisingly out of reach.

After negotiating the group stage, Southend United, Scunthorpe United, Bradford City and Luton Town were swept aside en route to the Checkatrade Trophy final.

But for the second season running, Appleton's side crumbled on the biggest stage, losing 2-1 to Coventry City at Wembley.

Appleton shocked fans by leaving for Leicester and a three-man judging panel selected the inexperienced Clotet as his replacement.

Despite a lack of consistency and losing to lower opposition in the FA Cup and Carabao Cup, the 40-year-old has made a decent enough start.

Hopes of a third successive Wembley appearance remain – they play Charlton Athletic in the third round of the Checkatrade Trophy on January 9 – and, heading into Christmas, United were ninth in the League One table, four points off the play-offs.

In one of the more bizarre transfer stories of the summer, Oxford United boss Pep Clotet recruited this 23 year old to drive his players on this season. But the new addition hasn't added extra firepower to United's forwards or solidified their backline – instead, it's keeping the players on their toes in training. Clotet bought the 1994 L Reg Rover Metro in August with the 'worst trainer' in the first team to drive it for seven days as punishment.

From left, Curtis Nelson, Simon Eastwood, Josh Ruffels and Ryan Ledson try out the Rover. Picture: @jruffels93 / Instagram

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COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME	CAMPUS	DAY	WEEKS	FEE	*REDUCED FEE
UCXP541P	Introduction to Working With Children	21/02/2018	18:30	20:30	Oxford Academy	Wednesday	6	FREE	N/A
XPAP003P	Level 1 Extended Award Team Leading	22/02/2018	18:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Thursday	10	£225.00	N/A
XSAM415P	17th Edition Wiring Regulations (3rd Amend)	24/02/2018	06:30	17:00	Abingdon Campus	Sat Mon	1	£480.00	N/A

FLORISTRY

ICBN053P	Floristry – beginners	09/01/2018	19:15	21:15	Cooper School Bicester	Tuesday	10	£94.00	£56.40
ICWN052P	Floristry – intermediate	22/01/2018	11:00	13:00	Witney Campus	Monday	9	£85.00	£51.00
ICWP056P	Floristry – intermediate	22/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Witney Campus	Monday	9	£85.00	£51.00

HAIR & BEAUTY

ZCWP002P	Beauty Courses - Hand and nail care	15/01/2018	18:30	20:30	Witney Campus	Thursday	4	£42.00	£25.20
ZCAP004P	Beauty Courses – eyebrow threading	03/02/2018	10:00	14:00	Abingdon Campus	Saturday	1	£27.00	£16.20
ZCWP003P	Beauty Courses - make up for special occasions	10/02/2018	10:00	14:00	Witney Campus	Saturday	1	£27.00	£16.20
ZCAP005P	Hair courses - Hair cutting - childrens hair	19/02/2018	18:30	20:30	Abingdon Campus	Monday	5	£52.00	£31.20

HEALTH & CARE

UCXP555P	An Introduction to Counselling	09/01/2018	13:00	15:00	OAL, Blackbird Leys	Monday	6	FREE	N/A
CPAN101P	NCFE Certificate in Counselling Skills Level 2	09/01/2018	17:30	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Tuesday	23	£400.00	N/A
UCRP175P	Introduction to Adult Social Care	11/01/2018	12:30	14:30	Bennsfield Adult Learning	Thursday	5	FREE	N/A
UCGP179P	Introduction to Counselling Skills	17/01/2018	10:00	12:00	Grove Adult Learning	Wednesday	5	FREE	N/A
UCBP615P	Introduction to Adult Social Care	19/02/2018	09:30	11:30	Sunshine Centre	Monday	5	FREE	N/A

HOMECRAFT

ICAN165P	Sewing - Machine embroidery	25/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Thursday	9	£94.00	£56.40
ICAM321P	Upholstery - mixed ability	27/01/2018	10:00	16:00	Abingdon Campus	Saturday	3	£85.00	£51.00
ICAP002P	Zpaghetti Crochet Workshop	03/02/2018	10:00	16:00	Abingdon Campus	Saturday	1	£40.50	£24.30
ICAN188P	Sewing - Love your sewing machine	24/02/2018	10:00	16:00	Abingdon Campus	Saturday	1	£40.50	£24.30

LANGUAGES

LCAP251P	Spanish - working towards fluency B	09/01/2018	19:00	21.00	Abingdon Campus	Tuesday	10	£104.00	£62.40
LCWN145P	Japanese Languages and Culture - Beginners A	09/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Witney Campus	Tuesday	5	£52.00	£31.20
LCXN143P	Japanese - beginners A	10/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Cheney School	Wednesday	5	£52.00	£31.20
LCAN111P	Introduction to British Sign Language (BSL)	15/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Monday	10	£104.00	£62.40
LCAP103P	Italian - beginners A	15/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Monday	5	£52.00	£31.20
LCAP201P	French - beginners A	15/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Monday	5	£52.00	£31.20
LCXP007P	Spanish – beginners A	15/01/2018	10:00	12:00	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Monday	5	£52.00	£31.20
LCKP004P	Spanish – beginners A	16/01/2018	12:00	14:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Tuesday	5	£52.00	£31.20
LCWN111P	Lipreading	16/01/2018	14:00	15:00	Witney Campus	Tuesday	10	£104.00	£62.40
LCWP065P	Italian - beginners A	16/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Witney Campus	Tuesday	5	£52.00	£31.20
LCWP111P	British Sign Language for beginners (BSL)	16/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Witney Campus	Tuesday	10	£104.00	£62.40
LCWP011P	Spanish – beginners A	17/01/2018	12:00	14:00	Witney Campus	Wednesday	5	£52.00	£31.20
LCXP006P	Italian - working towards fluency B	17/01/2018	10:00	12:00	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Wednesday	10	£104.00	£62.40
LCXP303P	French - beginners A	20/01/2018	10:00	12:00	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Saturday	5	£52.00	£31.20
LCXP403P	German – beginners A	20/01/2018	10:00	12:00	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Saturday	5	£52.00	£31.20
LCKP005P	Spanish – beginners B	27/02/2018	12:00	14:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Tuesday	15	£156.00	£93.60

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ZCBM091P	Posturecise – beginners	16/01/2018	10:00	11:00	Glyme Hall	Tuesday	10	£47.00	£28.20
ZCGM084P	Yoga – mixed ability	18/01/2018	10:30	11:30	Hanney War Memorial Hall	Thursday	10	£47.00	£28.20
ZCGP085P	Yoga – beginners	18/01/2018	09:30	10:30	Hanney War Memorial Hall	Thursday	10	£47.00	£28.20
ZCGP086P	Restorative Yoga	18/01/2018	11:30	12:30	Hanney War Memorial Hall	Thursday	10	£47.00	£28.20
ZCKN162P	Exercise for the Body and the Mind	23/01/2018	19:00	20:30	Kidlington Adult Learning	Tuesday	9	£64.00	£38.40
ZCRM091P	Exercise to Music - Mixed ability	25/01/2018	10:00	11:00	Didcot Conservative Club	Thursday	8	£42.00	£25.20
ZCRM092P	Exercise to Music - Mixed ability	26/01/2018	09:30	10:30	Didcot Conservative Club	Friday	8	£42.00	£25.20
ZCAN018P	Twilight Yoga - all abilities	20/02/2018	17:15	18:15	Abingdon Campus	Tuesday	6	£28.50	£17.10

MUSIC AND DANCE

QCXM330P	Guitar – beginners	22/01/2018	18:30	19:45	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Monday	9	£59.00	£35.40
QCXM335P	Guitar - improvers	22/01/2018	20:00	21:15	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Monday	9	£59.00	£35.40
QCRP027P	Guitar - improvers	25/01/2018	11:45	13:30	Didcot Civic Hall	Thursday	10	£91.00	£54.60
QCRP030P	Guitar – beginners	25/01/2018	09:45	11:30	Didcot Civic Hall	Thursday	10	£91.00	£54.60
QCXN039P	Ukulele - beginners	26/01/2018	10:00	12:00	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Friday	8	£83.50	£50.10
QCAN084P	Music Technology – beginners	27/01/2018	10:00	14:00	Abingdon Campus	Saturday	3	£80.00	£48.00
QCAM607P	Song Therapy : mixed ability	24/02/2018	10:00	14:00	Abingdon Campus	Saturday	1	£29.00	£17.40
UCXP542P	Get Started with Guitar	19/02/2018	18:00	20:00	OAL Centre: Blackbird Leys	Monday	5	FREE	N/A

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QCKM244P	Digital DSLR Photography – stage 2	19/01/2018	10:00	12:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Friday	9	£94.00	£56.40
QCAN216P	Digital DSLR Photography - stage 2	22/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Monday	9	£94.00	£56.40
QCKN002P	Digital DSLR Photography - stage 5	22/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Monday	9	£94.00	£56.40
QCKP215P	Digital DSLR Photography – stage 2	23/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Cooper School Bicester	Tuesday	8	£84.00	£50.40
QCKM245P	Digital DSLR Photography – stage 2	23/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Tuesday	9	£94.00	£56.40
QCXM248P	Digital DSLR Photography – stage 2	24/01/2018	19:00	21:00	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Wednesday	9	£94.00	£56.40
QCKN003P	Digital DSLR Photography – stage 5	25/01/2018	10:00	12:00	Kidlington Adult Learning	Thursday	9	£94.00	£56.40
QCAN072P	Photoshop – mixed ability	01/02/2018	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Thursday	9	£85.00	£51.00
QCAN060P	Photoshop – beginners	01/02/2018	19:00	21:00	Abingdon Campus	Thursday	6	£56.50	£33.90

TEACHER TRAINING

XSXN600P	Train the Trainer	16/01/2018	09:30	16:30	Oxford Adult Learning Cowley	Thursday	1	£99.00	N/A

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